IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1-5, 7-10, 12-18, and 20 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An image processing system comprising:

a display unit; ~~unit displaying, on a screen, a~~

a controlling unit dividing a portion of the display into a predetermined composite area, wherein the composite area includes a plurality of vacant blocks arranged in a matrix and each of the plurality of blocks may have a processing target image inserted from a source or any of the plurality of blocks may be left vacant; ~~as an aggregation of unit areas into which images are insertable; and~~

an operation unit ~~inserting a processing target image into the unit area within the composite area.~~ aggregating the matrix of the plurality of blocks, whether filled with an image or vacant into a combined image.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An image processing system according to claim 1, wherein the image inserted into the block ~~unit area~~ is transferable to other blocks ~~unit area~~ within the composite area.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An image processing system according to claim 1, wherein the image inserted into the block ~~unit area~~ is deleted by transferring the same image to a position outside the composite area.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An image processing system according to claim 1, wherein the processing target image is inserted into the block ~~unit area~~ by a drag-and-drop operation.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An image processing system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a transfer detection unit indicating a processing target image and detecting a transfer of the indicated image,

wherein the indicated image is inserted into the block ~~unit area~~.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An image processing system according to claim 1, wherein the composite area into which the images are inserted is stored as an image having predetermined dimensions.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An image processing system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a related image indicating module relating a plurality of target images to each other,

wherein when a first target image is ~~the processing target image is~~ related to other images, the related images are consecutively inserted together as a group with the ~~processing~~ first target image into the plurality of blocks ~~unit areas~~.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An image processing system according to claim 7, wherein when the number of images to be inserted exceeds the number of insertable vacant blocks~~unit areas~~, the image insertion is finished.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An image processing system according to claim 1, wherein the composite area is composed of blocks ~~the unit areas~~ having different dimensions.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An image processing system comprising:

at least one processing target image;

a plurality of vacant unit storage areas arranged in a matrix to have images inserted; and ~~ensured according to processing target images; and~~

a control unit controlling an access to each of the unit storage areas,

wherein said control unit stores the at least one processing target unit image~~s~~ in at least one of the said plurality of unit storage areas, accesses said unit storage areas in a predetermined sequence, and thereby generates a composite image from the unit images.

11. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An image processing system according to claim 10, further comprising: unit storage areas having different capacities,

wherein the composite image is composed of the unit images having different dimensions.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A storage medium readable by a machine, [tangible] tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps comprising:

displaying a composite area as an aggregation of unit areas into which images are insertable; and

inserting a processing target image into a unit area within the composite area.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A storage medium readable by a machine, [tangible] tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps comprising:

displaying a composite area as an aggregation of unit areas into which images are insertable;

detecting an indication of a processing target image;

detecting a transfer of the indicated image; and

inserting the indicated image into a transfer destination unit area.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An image processing system according to claim 1, wherein dimensions of the blocks ~~unit area~~ are specified irrespective of dimensions of the processing target image, and

the processing target image is adjusted to the dimensions of the block that accepts the inserted image ~~unit area~~.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An image processing system according to claim 1, wherein the number of the blocks ~~unit areas~~ within the composite area can be arbitrarily set.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An image processing system according to claim 1, wherein a background color of the blocks ~~unit area~~ can be arbitrarily set.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An image processing system according to claim 1, wherein a configuration of the blocks ~~unit area~~ is a rectangular shape of which dimensions can

be arbitrarily set.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An image processing system according to claim 3, wherein even when the image inserted into the block ~~unit area~~ is deleted, an original image of the image inset in the block ~~unit area~~ is not deleted.

19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An image processing system according to claim 1, wherein dimensions of the composite area can be arbitrarily set.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An image processing system according to claim 7, wherein the plurality of target images are consecutively inserted into the plurality of ~~unit areas~~ blocks starting from an arbitrarily specified block ~~unit area~~ within the composite area matrix.